

Questions for the Record by Democrat Members

Questions from Rep. Gallego for Hon. Sneed:

You testified that all thirty of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) members oppose federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe through legislative action. The Committee, however, has received four letters or resolutions from USET member tribes supporting Lumbee Recognition Act through H.R. 1964. You also acknowledged in your testimony that Congress has the authority under the United States Constitution to extend the federal government-to-government relationship to tribes.

1. Can you confirm that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was also recognized through federal legislation, not through the Department of the Interior's Federal Acknowledgement Process?
2. Can you also confirm that nearly half (thirteen) of USET member tribes also received federal recognition through federal legislation, whereas only nine USET members were acknowledged through the Department of the Interior's Federal Acknowledgement Process?